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TELEPHONE FACILITY IN GRAM PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gram Panchayats in Jammu and Kashmir which have not been provided with telephone facility so far, district-wise;

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats where said facility is proposed to be provided during 2000-2001, location-wise;

(c) the time by which the said facility is likely to be provided in all the Gram Panchayats of the State; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to provide better telephone facility to the Gram Panchayats?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Out of 1461 Gram Panchayats in Jammu and Kashmir 587 Gram Panchayats have not been provided with telephone facility so far. District-wise details are as under:

Anantnag, Baramulla, Pulwama, Kupwara, Badgam and Srinagar	429
Jammu	18
Kathua	3
Doda	48
Udhampur	24
Rajouri	3
Leh & Kargil	62
Total	587

(b) 102 Gram Panchayats are proposed to be provided with telephone facility during 2000-2001. Details are as under:

District	Gram Panchayats
Anantnag, Baramulla, Pulwama, Kupwara, Badgam and Srinagar	72
Jammu	10
Kathua	3
Doda	10
Udhampur	4
Rajouri	3
Total	102

(c) The remaining Gram Panchayats are proposed to be provided with telecom facility progressively by March 2002.

(d) New technologies like WLL and C-DoT PMP are proposed to be inducted to provide telephone facilities in rural areasSatellite based technologies are proposed to be deployed to provide village public telephones (VPTs) in very remote and isolated areas.